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SUBJECT: INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

1. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE, MR. ROSS COGGINS, IAF REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, WAS UNABLE OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT CASTILLO AS RECOMMENDED BY AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING IAF GRANTS TO "PUEBLO" AND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL PLANNING AND PROMOTION AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. INSTEAD HE SAW COORDINATOR OF CASTILLO'S STAFF, DR. FERNANDO NARANJO, WHO LED MR. COGGINS TO BELIEVE THAT GOCCR CONCERN OVER THE GRANTS HAD BEEN ASSUAGED.

2. DURING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DINNER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ODUBER, VICE PRESIDENT CASTILLO, FONMIN FACIO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR ON FEBRUARY 23, ODUBER RAISED THIS SUBJECT AGAIN. HE DESCRIBED THE DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL PLANNING AND PROMOTION AS COMMUNIST, AND SAID THAT "PUEBLO" SERVES THE COMMUNIST CAUSE.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS TOLD THE COSTA RICANS THAT PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN DEVISED TO ENSURE THAT PROJECTS LIKE THOSE ARE NO LONGER UNDERTAKEN AND THAT IN ANY EVENT THE FOUNDATION HAS DECIDED NOT TO FINANCE ANY MORE NEWSPAPER PROJECTS. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT GRANT TO "PUEBLO" WAS IN PROCESS OF

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BEING TERMINATED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES. AMBASSADOR

ALSO COMMENTED THAT IAF OFFICIALS HAD EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT GRANT TO SCHOOL OF SOCIAL PLANNING AND PROMOTION SHOULD BE SO DISTASTEFUL TO GOCR SINCE LATTER PRESUMABLY HAD CONTRIBUTED TO SAME SCHOOL AS PART OF ITS SUPPORT TO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. PRESIDENT AND CASTILLO VIGOROUSLY DENIED THAT ANY GOCR FUNDS HAD BEEN EARMARKED FOR SCHOOL, WHICH THEY SAID IS ENTIRELY SUPPORTED BY OUTSIDE FUNDS. (EMBASSY NOTES THAT GOCR BUDGET AS PRESENTED TO ASSEMBLY SHOWS ONLY GLOBAL FIGURE FOR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY WITH NO LINE ITEM BREAKDOWN FOR COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS. PRESUMABLY SOME OVERHEAD FUNDS AT LEAST DO BENEFIT THE SCHOOL.)

4. COMMENT: FACT THAT PRESIDENT CHOSE TO RAISE THIS TOPIC DIRECTLY WITH SECRETARY DEMONSTRATES CONTINUED INTENSE GOCR DISTRESS OVER THE IAF GRANTS AT HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVELS. THIS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO MR. COGGINS ATTENTION TO CORRECT IMPRESSION HE RECEIVED FROM DR. NARANJO. IN LIGHT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT, AS DISCUSSED WITH MR. COGGINS, MR. WILLIAM DYAL, PRESIDENT OF IAF, MAKE EARLY VISIT TO COSTA RICA TO DISCUSS PROGRAM WITH PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT. EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS.

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